

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the title of the invention with the following amended title:

A DEVICE FOR GUIDING OBJECTS INTO FILLING A CONTAINER[[S]] WITH A
PLURALITY OF OBJECTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

A different approach is disclosed by Didier in European patent document No. EP 1186537, where pouches are conveyed, without grouping, to special containers divided into a series of compartments. One pouch is dropped into each compartment with a subsequent process grasping the top of each of the individual pouches of a group prior to lifting the pouches out of the special container and placing them into a case. The plurality of special containers and the associated machinery costs can not usually be justified for most low speed applications.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3 shows a view of the mechanism from above in the direction [[B]] 3 of Figure 2, with the bag removed for clarity.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 4 shows a cross-sectional end view in the direction [[A-A]] 4-4 of Figure 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 9 shows this alternate embodiment using hinges, rather than bearings. These are cheaper and lighter but do not have as long an operational life. The arm 18 is mounted at an angle with the frame 26 slightly lower than the sub-frame 27 to alter the movement of the second restraining member 6 on withdrawal from the container 7 after filling it. These differences, as compared to the other figures, could equally be applied to the embodiments presented above.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 32, with the following amended paragraph:

Persons skilled in the art will perceive additional modifications and embodiments of the invention that nevertheless fall within the inventive concept.